C.	**EXTENSION RENOVATION & MODERNISATION PROJECTS**						
1.	Mod of Gang Canal (UA) and Gang Link Canal	250.84	29.51	5.50	—	—	—
2.	Jaisamand (Udaipur)	15.00	5.98	2.00	3.35	3.81	0.40
3.	Gambhiri	16.71	8.10	1.00	4.77	2.10	0.10
4.	Meja	31.62	7.36	0.63	8.69	1.45	0.15
5.	Morel	145.76	2.64	—	2.80	1.30	—
6.	Mashi	2.50	1.57	—	2.00	1.21	—
7.	Gudha	10.50	2.15	—	2.60	1.92	—
8.	Alnia	2.77	1.66	—	1.70	0.65	—
9.	Parwan	2.61	1.23	—	4.42	2.22	—

Construction of Kadwan Dam Project

512. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Minister of Water Rsources at the meeting of Bana Sagar Control Board held on 18.8.93 assured that Kadwan Dam will be sanctioned by Central Water Commission, which will pave the way for making adequate water available in the Sone river and which will provide water for Bhojpur and Dumrao sub-canals and because of which Malari Barrage will not be required to be constructed;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this direction; and

(c) the reasons for not constructing Kadwan Dam so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No. Sir. During the meeting of Bansagar Control Board held on 18.3.93, it was decided that the pending projects of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the Sone Basin will be cleared together as a package taking the availability of water for irrigation as 14.25 MAF.

(b) and (c) Government of Bihar has not submitted revised Detailed Project Report of the Kadwan Dam to Central Water Commission for Techno Economic clearance so far.

गुजरात में राज्य मार्गों का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों में उन्नयन किया जाना

513. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने गत दो वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार को राज्य के राजमार्गों का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग में उन्नयन करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्र सरकार ने कितने कि०मी० राजमार्ग को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० ४ए और ४बी के रूप में स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी है;

(ग) अन्य प्रस्तावों के संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिए गए हैं;

(घ) अब तक स्वीकृत राजमार्गों का कितना कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है; और

(ङ) इन शेष परियोजनाओं संबंधी कार्य कब तक आरंभ कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (ङ) राजमार्ग 8क और 8ख पहले से ही राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग हैं। तथापि, निधियों की अति कमी के कारण गुजरात में पिछले दो वर्षों में कोई अन्य राज्यीय सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित नहीं किया गया है।

Raising Wages Salary of Postal Staff

514. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor and meagre amount of Wages/salary paid to the postal staff/employees who are working at the grass-root level;

(b) whether there is a need to enhance their wages; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in 1996-97 to raise the wages of mail delivering peons, runners, village post masters and other lowpaid postal workers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) The answer to this question is drafted on the presumption that the term "postal staff at grass root level" refers to Extra Departmental Agents. The Extra Departmental Agents are being paid adequate allowances as per duties performed by them. The allowances being paid to them are not poor and meagre vis-a-vis the service rendered and hours of work put in by them. The extra Departmental Agents are permitted to follow an avocation of their choice in addition to their work in the Department.

(b) Rapid increase in price level and inflationary trends have necessitated enhancement of allowances in respect of Extra Departmental Agents. In consonance with the Constitution of a Pay Commission for Central Government employees, the Department of Post have set up the Justice Talwar Committee to look into the service conditions and wage structure of Extra Departmental Agents.

(c) The One-Man Committee headed by Justice Charanjit Talwar, a retired Judge of Delhi High Court is to go into the service conditions of Extra Departmental Agents and suggest changes thereof as considered necessary. The terms of reference of the Committee inter alia, are as follows:—

(i) To examine the system of extra Departmental Agency, the conditions of employment, the wage structure of the Agents and to recommend suitable changes considered necessary;

(ii) To examine the reasonableness of introducing a Social Security Scheme for providing Provident Fund and retirement benefits for employees engaged on Agency basis;

(iii) To examine and suggest any changes in the method of recruitment, the minimum qualifications for appointment and in the conduct and disciplinary rules; and

(iv) To review facilities provided for the public at different class of Extra Departmental Post Offices.

The final report of the Committee is awaited.

Irrigation Porjects in the North-East Region

515. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation projects completed/commissioned in the North-East Region;

(b) the amount of expenditure for each project, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal from the State Governments for renovating the projects; and

(d) if so, the details of such proposals of renovated projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A list of major/